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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, JO, US

SUBJ: JAF REQUIREMENTS LIST

1. SUMMARY: DURING SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN MORNING SEPTEMBER 3, KING PROVIDED US SIDE WITH LIST OF JORDANIAN REQUIREMENTS. LIST HANDED US IN CONTEXT THAT JORDANIANS ASSUMED ISRAEL WOULD BE RECEIVING LARGE PACKAGE OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AND WISHED TO REQUEST US CONSIDERATION FOR AN INCREASE IN MILITARY ASISTANCE (GRANT AND CREDIT) FOR JORDAN. THIS CABLE INCLUDES LIST AND PRELIMINARY MISSION COMMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF JORDANIAN MEMORANDUM SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENTS AS EXPLAINED ABOVE. QUOTE: /JORDAN ARMED FORCES REQUIREMENTS-IN THE LAST TWO CONFERENCES OF THE US-JORDANIAN MILITARY COMMITTEE, WE HAVE BRIEFED THE U.S. SIDE ON THE JAF RE-ORGANIZATION. THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION ARE THE MODERNIZATION OF THE ARMED FORCES AND MECHANIZATION OF THE INFANTRY DIVISIONS. ALTHOUGH NEW CONCEPT HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED, ALL OUR CALCULATIONS AND PLANNING ARE BASED ON IT. TO FULLY
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IMPLEMENT THE NEW CONCEPT, THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT ARE

NEEDED (SHORT FALL).

SHORT FALL-RJAF	QTY
1. GUN SHIP AH-1J HELICOPTER WITH TOW MISSILES	24
2. AIR SUPERIORITY ACFT TO REPLACE THE F104'S	20
3. F5E ACFT-4SQN'S	80
4. F5F ACFT-2ACFT PER SQN	8
5. C130 TRANSPORT ACFT	8
6. HEAVY LIFT HELICOPTER ACFT TO LIFT ONE SPECIAL FORCES BN	20
7. 5EU TRG. ACFT	24
8. F5E M.T.S.	1
9. F5E TRG. SIMULATOR	1
10. TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL AMMO ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT THE REQUESTED ACFT	LOT
11. C.S.P. FOR ABOVE ACFT	LOT
12. A.G.E., TOOLS, TEST AND MAINTENANCE SHOP EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT 2 NEW AIR BASES	LOT

SHORT FALL-ARMY	QTY
1. M48 OR M60 AL TANK	160
2. TK RECOVERY M88E1	40
3. APC M113A1	348
4. TK RETROFIT M48A5	160
5. HOW 155 MM SP M109A1	168
6. HOW 8" SP M110	40
7. M107 MM - 175 MM GUN SP	34
8. LOCATION BATT EQUIPMENT	4 BATT.
9. TOW LAUNCHERS	58
10. TOW MISSILE	1000
11. DRAGON TRACKER	192
12. DRAGON MISSILE	1920
13. TK BRIDGE LAYER	18
14. AVLD	20
15. COMBAT ENGINEER VEHICLE	26
16. TK MINE CLEARING	14
17. SIGNAL EQUIPMENT	LOT TO COVER SHORTAGE AND AND NEW EQUIPMENT
18. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	1 SURVEILLANCE BN.
19. NIGHT VISION EQUIPMENT	LOT

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20. ECM EQUIPMENT	
21. AMMO	
22. C.S.P.	
23. TRK CGO 2 1/2 T	2000
24. TRK CGO 5 T	220
25. TRK DUMP 5 T	60
26. TRK TANK WTR	100
27. TRK TRAC 5 T	50

28. EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT:

A. BULLDOZERS	24
B. GRADERS	8
C. SHOVELS 966 WHEELED	16
977 TRACKED	6
D. ROAD ROLLERS	6
E. TRENCH DIGGERS	4"

END QUOTE

3. PRELIMINARY MISSION COMMENTS: LIST OF ARMY EQUIPMENT---OTHER THAN A REQUEST FOR 175 MM SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY, NONNEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED. IN PARTICULAR WE NOTE THAT NO AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT OR SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED. THE JORDANIANS HAVE INDICATED TO US THE LIST IS IN PRIORITY ORDER FOR ARMY AND AIR FORCE SEPARATELY. IT APPEARS THE JORDANIANS HAVE PUT HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THE REPLACEMENT OF THEIR CURRENT CENTURION TANKS BY US TANKS. SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY WOULD REPLACE ALL THEIR CURRENTLY HELD TOWED ARTILLERY. SOME 334 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLES WOULD BE REPLACED BY ANTI-TANK MISSILES FOR TOTAL INVENTORY OF 266 DRAGONS AND 174 TOWS. THE TRUCK REQUEST WOULD COMPLETELY REPLACE THE PRESENTLY AGING TRUCK FLEET WHEN COUPLED WITH THE 2,400 TRUCKS CURRENTLY BEING ACQUIRED UNDER FMS OR COMMERCIAL PURCHASES. IF THE EQUIPMENT WERE NOT ACQUIRED TO REPLACE EXISTING MATERIAL, IT COULD NOT BE SUPPORTED WITHOUT A MAJOR INCREASE IN THE MILITARY BUDGET AND PERSONNEL. OUR PRESENT BEST QUICK ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF EQUIPMENT IS ABOUT \$500MILLION ITEMS INCLUDED ON THE LIST ARE IN OUR JUDGEMENT
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PRIORITY NEEDS FOR THE JORDANIAN ARMY AND WOULD PROBABLY BE PURCHASED UNDER FMS CASH FROM US OVER NEXT SEVERAL YEARS IF THEY ARE NOT OBTAINED AS GRANT AID, ASSUMING AN ARAB DONOR CAN BE SECURED FOR THE FUNDS.

4. PRELIMINARY MISSION COMMENTS ON AIR FORCE LIST: THIS LIST APPEARS TO BE A "SHOPPING LIST" BEYOND THE AIR FORCES'S CAPACITY TO MAN BEFORE THE 1980'S. IT APPEARS TO BE CLOSER TO A DESCRIPTION OF A TOTAL FORCE STRUCTURE, RATHER THAN A SHORT FALL, WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY POSSESSED. RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING WOULD BE A MAJOR PROBLEM. MANY TECHNICAL SKILLS WILL BE REQUIRED AND UP TO THREE YEARS OF TRAINING WILL BE NECESSARY. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE LIST IS OVER \$600MILLION. CURRENT RJAF MANNING WOULD INCREASE BY MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT, WITH A DOUBLING IN THE NUMBER OF PILOTS. YEARLY OPERATING COSTS WOULD INCREASE BY OVER FIFTY PERCENT. CURRENT PILIT AND OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCELERATED RAPIDLY. FOR THE AH-1J HELICOPTER, TRAINED PERSONNEL WOULD BE PACING ITEM. DELIVERIES WOULD HAVE TO BE SPACED OVER FIVE YEARS WITH THE EARLIEST 12 TO 18 MONTHS AWAY. FOR AIR SUPERIORITY AIRCRAFT, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THE F-16 WITH DELIVERY 4 OR 5
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YEARS YEARS. HOPEFULLY SOME ADDITIONAL F-5'S COULD BE USED AS INTERIM REPLACEMENTS FOR F-104'S. WITH THE F-5E AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY ON HAND OR PROGRAMMED, WE BELIEVE THE REASONABLE SHORT FALL IS ABOUT 40 NOT REPEAT NOT 80 AIRCRAFT. WE BELIEVE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR C-130'S IS PROBABLY A REASONABLE SHORT FALL ESTIMATE. FOR A HEAVY LIFT HELICOPTER, TRAINED

MANPOWER WOULD BE A KEY PROBLEM AND DELIVERIES
SHOULD BE SPACED OUT AS FOR THE AH-1J GUN SHIP--
FIRST DELIVERY 12 TO 18 MONTHS WITH REMAINDER
OVER FIVE YEARS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE MORE THAN A
TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN 5-37 TRAINING AIRCRAFT
IS REQUIRED.

5.SUBSEQUENT TEL WILL PROVIDE MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS
ON INCREASED MILITARY AID PACKAGE FOR JORDAN SUBSUMED
IN THIS REQUEST.
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